

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0529

Title: Abolish death penalty

Primary Sponsor: Kaufmann, C

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are currently 6 inmates on death row at Montana State Prison.
2. The estimated cost of an execution is \$25,012 based on an execution carried out in fiscal year 1998.
3. It is unclear if any executions would occur in this biennium.
4. No short-term impact can be determined.

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

1. The average length of time from sentencing to execution is 9 years.
2. The average age of death for men is 73.6 years.
3. The average age of the 6 inmates on death row is 41.33 years old.
4. If the death sentence were abolished, the Department would incur the cost of incarcerating 6 individuals for an average of 32.27 years.
5. Based on variable cost per day of \$6.50, the long-term projection per average offender would be \$76,613. This equates to a total of \$459,678.
6. The cost of each execution of approximately \$25,012 would not be incurred which would total \$150,072.
7. The net difference between the long-range costs and savings is an increase in costs of \$309,606.

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